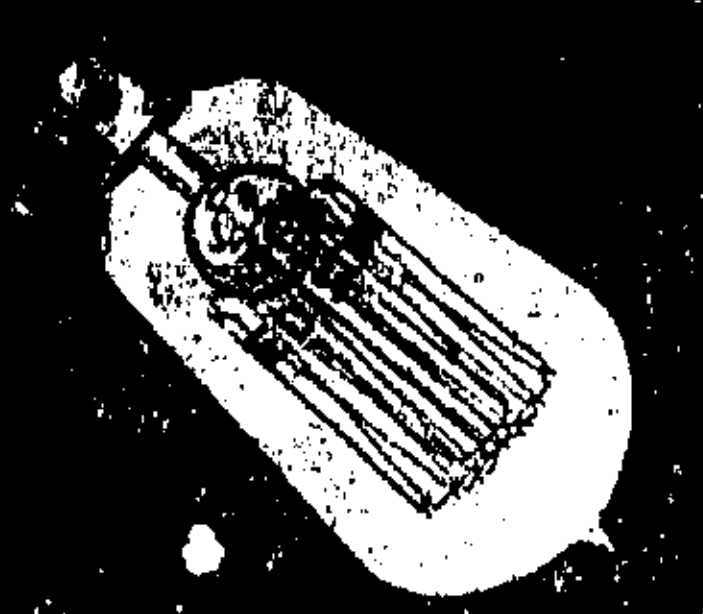


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THE REPARATION QUESTION.

A SERIOUS SITUATION.

More French Troops for the Rhine?

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 2.
A communique states that the Allied delegations conferred at St. James' Palace at noon and heard the report of the legal and economic advisers. They subsequently conferred with Marshal Foch, Sir Henry Wilson and other military experts and adjourned at one o'clock. The meeting will be resumed at Downing Street at five o'clock this afternoon.

Later.
The evening's meeting of the Conference, which is described as of a momentous character, unanimously agreed to plans which the Germans will be summoned to hear at noon to-morrow.

What the Germans Think.

Berlin, March 2.
The German special correspondents in London emphasise the seriousness of the situation. While opining that the negotiations have not broken down, they believe that Mr. Lloyd George spoke with intentional sharpness as an offset to Herr von Simons' rejection of the Paris decisions.

The papers, following the line taken by the correspondents, believe that the Allies will realise they are dwelling in the region of illusions and that a second and even a third Conference will be necessary to bring them back to realities. All declare that Herr von Simons' offer represents the limit of Germany's capacity.

A Paris message says the *Echo de Paris* states that the Eastern Railway has been ordered to prepare to transport reinforcements to the Rhine.

INDIA'S FISCAL RELATION TO THE EMPIRE.

The Question of Preference.

London, March 2.
In the House of Commons, replying to Sir John Randles, Mr. Montagu announced that a Commission will be appointed to examine with reference to all interests concerned in the future fiscal policy of the Government of India, including the desirability of adopting the principle of Imperial preference. Mr. Montagu emphasised that no decision with regard to Imperial preference could be taken until the Commission had reported. Sir W. Joynton Hicks asked whether Mr. Montagu would wholeheartedly support the principle of Imperial preference. Mr. Montagu replied that he was very anxious that, in any fiscal arrangement devised for the Empire and India, India should take her place as a free partner of the British Empire and follow the general Imperial practice (cheers).

THE REPORTED RISINGS IN RUSSIA.

Denial by Trade Delegation.

London, March 2.
It is noteworthy that the usual wireless messages received from Moscow yesterday do not refer to disturbances. The Russian trade delegation, which has arrived in London, declares that rumours of large-scale risings against the Soviet are untrue.

Situation at Moscow Obscure.

London, March 2.
Notwithstanding the Russian Trade Delegation's denial, the Foreign Office has received information substantiating yesterday's message from Helsinki describing the disturbances in Petrograd. Riga, March 2.
Although Reuter's correspondent at Riga to-night announced that the Soviets had succeeded in subduing the rising at Petrograd with troops brought from the front, the situation at Moscow and other places is still obscure.

THE FUTURE FLEETS.

Relative Strength in Ships of Post-War Design.

London, March 2.
In the House of Commons, replying to Viscount Curzon, Sir James Craig said that by 1924 the British navy would have one ship, the United States eighteen, and Japan eight embodying the lessons of the war, while by 1925 the numbers would be the same, except that Japan would have thirteen. Viscount Curzon could not state what the relative strength of the three Navies would be in 1924 and 1925.

WOOLWICH BY-ELECTION.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald Defeated.

London, March 2.
The bye-election at Woolwich, occasioned by the resignation of the Labourite, Mr. Will Crooks, resulted as follows:—
Mr. Gee (Coalition Unionist) 13,724.
Mr. Ramsay Macdonald (Labour) 13,040.

THE NEAR EASTERN PROBLEM.

London, March 2.
It is understood that the Ankara Governments reply to the Allied questions agrees to an Inter-Allied Commission of Enquiry regarding Thrace and Smyrna, meanwhile suggesting the substitution of an Allied for the Greek Administration there. Ankara is prepared to sign the treaty of Sevres, but draws attention to certain clauses as being inconsistent with the freedom of Turkish nations.

THE DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE.

Paris, March 1.
The League of Nations Committee on Military Affairs has decided to invite six nations who are members, notably France, Great Britain and Japan, each to send a delegate to the newly-established Armament Committee.—*Vale.*

GOVERNOR OF INDO-CHINA.

Paris, March 1.
Mr. Maurice Long, Governor-General of French Indo-China, is expected to arrive in Hongkong for his visit.—*Vale.*

DISASTROUS EARTHQUAKES IN CHINA.

250,000 People Reported Killed.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Shanghai, March 3.
A recurrence of earthquakes in Kansu and Shensi, over a much larger area, with much greater loss of life, is reported. A quarter of a million are reported to have been killed.
The Peking Famine Relief Committee is sending investigators.

SHANGHAI LADY LAWYER.

Defends Chinese in Embezzlement Case.

Shanghai, March 3.
Miss Flora Rosenberg, who has been admitted to practice in the Mixed Court, is the first woman in history to defend a Chinese charged with embezzlement. The case is being heard to-day.

WHANGPOO CONSERVANCY BOARD.

Shanghai, March 3.
A Peking message announces that the American Government has appointed Major Goethals as the American representative on the International Advisory Council of the Whangpoo Conservancy Board which is meeting at Shanghai in October.

THE MANDATE QUESTION.

League's Reply to America.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 2.
The reply of the Council of the League of Nations to the United States Note with regard to mandates, dealing with the American contention that the approbation of the United States is essential in order to render valid the Council's decisions with regard to mandates, declares that the rights of the United States are not contested, but that the United States is complicating the situation by abstaining from ratification of the Treaty and holding aloof from the League. As regards "A" Mandates, the Council has already decided to postpone consideration and, in response to the request by the United States, consideration of "B" Mandates will be adjourned till its next session. The Council invites the United States to participate in the discussions at the next session, as the States to participate in the discussions of mandates can scarcely be complicated and delicate question of mandates can scarcely be treated by an exchange of official Notes. With regard to "C" Mandates, the Council does not enjoy the same liberty of action as in regard to the others.

With regard to the United States' objection to the allocation of Yap to Japan, the reply declares that the United States has several times refused to approve the assignment of this island to any State. It points out that the re-partition in territories submitted to mandate is in the province of the Supreme Council, not the Council of the League, which is only concerned with the administration of these territories. Consequently, if there exists a misunderstanding it is between the United States and the Allies, rather than between the United States and the League. The reply concludes hoping that the explanations will meet with the approval of the United States and that the latter's reply will permit a continuation of the study of solutions.

Work for New Administration.

Washington, March 2.
The responsibility of replying to the Allied Note will be left to the new Administration.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S INDIAN TOUR.

Inspiring Message to Take Back to England.

Bombay, March 2.
Replying to the Governor's speech at a farewell ceremony, the Duke of Connaught said that he left India as he arrived in a spirit of affection and sympathy, firmly believing that the new Constitution would place India securely on the upward road to the realisation of her high ideals. His Royal Highness urged his hearers not to forget the long comradeship between the vast Eastern continent and the little island in the North Sea. He was taking back a message to England that greater effort must be made there to understand and appreciate the Indian viewpoint. The voice of India had not carried the weight to which it was entitled. One outstanding merit of the new Constitution was that the views of the Government of India must henceforth weigh more heavily as more truly representing the Indian standpoint than hitherto, but his message to England would be mainly one of confidence—namely: "The heart of India is sound and true; her loyalty untarnished; her progress great; her hopes high. Keep close and sympathetic touch with her; send her your best, and you need have no doubt, no misgiving, regarding her future friendship."

GERMAN SHIPBUILDING PLANT STOPS WORK.

Result of Labour Dispute.

Berlin, March 1.
Owing to the failure to end the labour dispute all workmen of the Vulkan shipbuilding yards at Stettin have been dismissed.

BREACHES OF ANTI-TRUST LAW.

Charges Against Cement Corporations.

New York, March 2.
Seventy-four big cement corporations and forty individual officers thereof have been indicted in the Federal Court charged with violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

DEATH OF U.S. EX-SPEAKER.

New York, March 2.
Mr. Champ Clark (ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives) has died from pleurisy.

DAVIS CUP-ASPIRANTS.

New York, March 2.
Czechoslovakia and the Philippines have challenged the Davis Cup.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE HARBOUR DUES DISCUSSION.

Replies to Unofficials' Questions.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber to-day. His Excellency the Governor (Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) presided and there were also present:—
The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education.
The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.
The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.
The Hon. Mr. E. J. D. Parr.
The Hon. Mr. John Johnstone.
The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.
The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook.
Mr. S. B. McElderry, Clerk of Councils.

FINANCIAL VOTES.
The following financial votes were referred to the Finance Committee and subsequently approved:—
£400 in aid of the vote Public Works Recurrent, New Territories, Water Account, (meters, &c.)
£111.09 in aid of the following vote:—Public Works Extraordinary, Kowloon:—Tsimshatsui Police Station Extension, \$115.85; King's Park Quarters, installing water closets, \$294.24.

LIGHT DUES.
The following resolution moved and seconded at the last meeting came up for consideration:—
Whereas it is expected that the total Revenue derived from Light Dues (Special Assessment) since the introduction of the rates at present in force will exceed in the current year the sum of \$1,104,293, being half the cost of the Typhoon Refuge at Mongkoktsui; and whereas an undertaking was given that this Special Assessment would not be continued after the above mentioned sum had been raised unless a new Resolution should first be proposed to the Legislative Council; and whereas, in view of the financial requirements of the Colony, it is expedient to continue the collection of Light Dues at the present rates: it is hereby resolved by this Council that Light Dues shall continue to be collected at the rates laid down in Table P of the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, No. 10 of 1899.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak said that the matter had been carefully considered by the Chamber of Commerce Committee and he was not prepared to oppose the resolution provided the Government would give a pledge that there would be no further taxation imposed on shipping in the future. They wanted to draw the Government's attention to the absolute necessity of maintaining the absolute freedom of the Port as far as it was possible. Until a few years ago the Port was one of the freest in the world and the Chamber of Commerce Committee was convinced that it was essential to maintain that freedom.

The Hon. Mr. John Johnstone supported, saying that His Excellency would readily admit that the harbour was the one chief asset of the Colony. He did not think that the status of the Port would be greatly interfered with by that resolution and he was prepared to vote in favour of it provided the Government would give some pledge that the money raised would be spent on harbour improvements.

The Hon. Mr. E. J. D. Parr and the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock formally supported.
His Excellency the Governor said it was a little difficult to give a pledge in the House of Representatives. He was not prepared to give a pledge in the House of Representatives. He was not prepared to give a pledge in the House of Representatives.

The small levy involved in those Light Dues was a matter of serious importance. If they did not collect those dues what would happen? Would the shipping companies be prepared to reduce their freights? He would like to ask Mr. Parr whether, if that levy was abolished, the freight and passenger rates of the P. and O. Company would be reduced from the present exorbitant figure. He was not clear as to the meaning of Mr. Holyoak's request for a pledge. It was impossible for him to give a pledge affecting all time. He was prepared to make that resolution apply for the present year, so that if any increased taxation was levied on shipping, the whole could be brought up and discussed.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak said he was not prepared to vote for the resolution unless some pledge were given. He wanted that at the request of the Chamber, because when the report of Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice was presented they did not want the shipping industry taxed to pay for those improvements. The payment would have to be made by the whole Colony, or by the simple method of a loan.

H. E. the Governor said that he meant to imply that whilst they were collecting those Light Dues they would not impose any further taxation on shipping. That was why he offered to make the resolution apply for the present year only. It was unreasonable to expect him to give a pledge that there would be no further taxation on shipping when they were ignorant of what the future would bring.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak said that he was prepared to accept that, provided there would always be provided for the consideration of any new proposals.
H. E. the Governor pointed out that that was bound to happen in any case.
The Hon. Mr. Parr, replying to His Excellency, said that all shipping Companies were anxious to reduce the present exorbitant rates. Without exception they would prefer rates to pursue the even tenour of their way rather than be as at present. But rates were dictated by causes entirely beyond their control.

The resolution, as amended by His Excellency, was then put and carried without a dissentient.

REPLIES TO MR. HOLYOAK.
The Hon. Mr. Holyoak asked a series of questions, which, together with the Colonial Secretary's replies are given below:—

Question.
1. Will the Government state when they hope to open the separate Maternity Ward of the Barker Road Hospital?

Answer.
1. In about fifteen months.

Question.
2. Have the recommendations of the Coroner's jury on the "Tai O" tragedy been carried out as regards two European Policemen being stationed at out-stations?

Answer.
2. Two European Police Officers have been stationed at Tai O since the tragedy and also at Lok Ma Chau, an exposed frontier station. Two European Officers have also been stationed from time to time at Cheung Chau. The strength of the European Police Force does not admit of a Second Police Officer being sent to other rural stations, but when the European Contingent is up to full strength it will be possible to send a Second Officer to certain other stations.

Question.
3. Will the Government, in view of the recent tragedy at West Point, wherein several persons lost their lives and many were injured, take steps at once to prohibit the sale of all so-called "Bombs" in this Colony, and further to enforce existing legislation against the carrying of weapons against the peace?



LATE MR. CHAMP CLARK.
ex-Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, whose death is announced in a cable to-day.

INTERPORT RIFLE SHIELD.

No Competition This Year.

An attempt has been made this year to revive competition for the Interport Rifle Shield, though from present indications it would seem as though another year will have to pass before the interesting competitions that used to be held up to 1914 are resuscitated. After the outbreak of war all Interport competitions were suspended, Singapore being the then holder of the Shield.

On February 1st of this year, Mr. M. S. Northcote, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Rifle Association, wrote to those interested in rifle shooting at Shanghai, Singapore and Penang, asking if it would not be possible to revive the Interport competition this year. There is as yet no reply to hand from Shanghai, but the following letters received from the other two Ports indicate the improbability of anything being done at present.

The reply from the Hon. Secretary of the Singapore Rifle Association states, *inter alia*:—"We have only within the last few days held a meeting for the purpose of resuscitating our Rifle Association—which has been dormant for four years. We have at present only one small range available in the island for Regulars, Volunteers and Police, the others having been condemned as unsafe. We are only too anxious to have the Interport Shield an annual event again, but, in view of what I have said, it would be impossible for us to fire till the latter end of the year. If this does not suit you I would suggest holding it over till 1922. It has also been suggested that, as conditions have altered so much during the last few years, the present would be an excellent time to revise the Rules and Regulations. We should like to have the views of both yours and the Shanghai Association on this matter."

The Hon. Secretary of the Penang Volunteer Rifle Club, states:—"Whilst quite agreeing that this match should be revived as soon as possible, I regret that as far as Penang is concerned no team can be entered this year. We are still awaiting our new rifles promised us two years ago. Should Shanghai reply favourably the most that can be done is the holding of a match between the two Ports. Mr. Northcote is soon going on leave and it is doubtful whether anything will be arranged."

TODAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2s. 3 1/2d.

THE WEATHER.

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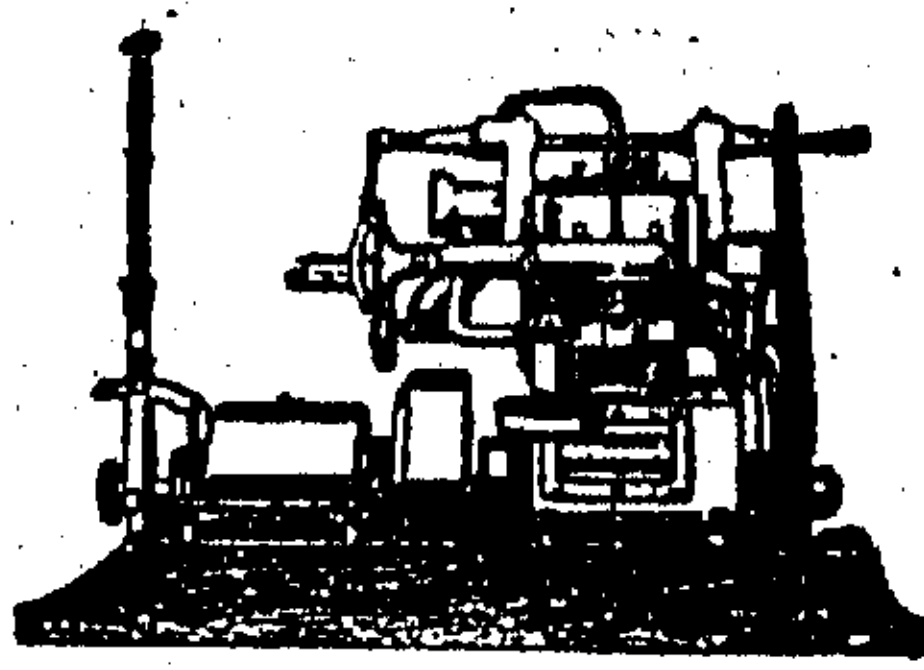
LIGHTING-UP TIME.

Lighting-up time to-day is 6.28 p.m.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

GERMANY'S AMAZING OFFER.

London, March 2.
Herr Simons' proposals literally staggered the Conference. When, after an hour and a half, the full nature of the amazing scheme he had been unfolding became apparent, Mr. Lloyd George sent one of his secretaries round the table to suggest to Herr Simons to end his speech. The Foreign Minister apparently guessed the feeling aroused by his address and terminated his speech abruptly and said that important details he would have liked to have enlarged on would be found in memoranda which he handed to the Allies.

"It is either a case of incredible impudence or else of incredible stupidity," said one of the Allied delegates at the close of the sitting. "Frankly," remarked another, "Simons has proved himself the anti-Christ of reparations."

These views were fully endorsed by all the morning papers, which outshine each other in condemnation of the German proposals, which are described in such adjectives as "absurd," "grotesque," "impossible," "derisive" and "fantastic."

It is felt that Herr Simons and his colleagues had a great opportunity of riddling the rather impossible demands arrived at in Paris by presenting an offer which the more moderate-minded Allies would have been justified in considering. Instead it is agreed that the German proposals are so utterly inadequate that the opposition of a united front is assured.

The French, who throughout have been sceptical of Germany's good faith and are convinced of the necessity of applying coercive measures, appear to take a grim satisfaction in what they regard as the fulfilment of their predictions.

The other Allies feel that Germany's offer, as voiced by Herr Simons, cuts the ground from beneath their feet. The gap between the German and the Allies totals is so great that no amount of discussion is likely to bridge the gulf.

The papers deplore German psychology as the despair of other nations. They point out that they lost the war through failure to understand the mentality of neutrals and enemies and now look like repeating these fatal blunders.

Experts are now deliberating. The only question at present dividing the Allies is the date on which the sanctions can be enforced. Britain and Italy believe that under the Treaty they are not operable until 1st May.

The Germans are dismayed at the cold and stern reception given to the propositions. There is reason to believe that their next move will be an effort to have their proposals regarded as purely momentary and subject to improvements as conditions in Germany improve. They entertain the idea that Mr. Lloyd George's statement is not final.

AMERICA'S NAVY.

Washington, March 2.
The Senate unanimously attached an amendment to the Naval Appropriations Bill requesting the President to call a conference between Britain, Japan and the United States to consider naval disarmament.

Later.
In the course of the debate in the Senate wherein an amendment requesting a Naval Disarmament Conference was carried, the attempt of Senator Walsh to extend the scope of the amendment to include general disarmament was defeated.

During an executive session with closed doors, America's relations were frankly discussed. Senator Lodge said that in view of present controversies with Japan and America's position in world affairs, the United States should continue her present naval programme. He is also reported to have emphasised the desirability of advising Japan of America's readiness to spend millions to protect her interests in the Pacific.

It is understood that President-elect Harding was quoted as advocating an adequate Navy.

Senator Williams, of Mississippi, sharply challenged Senator Lodge's contentions and sarcastically referred to the closing of the doors of the Senate. He characterised Senator Lodge's arguments with regard to Japanese relations as "bugaboo."

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL DEPENDENCE.

London, March 2.
His Majesty the King received at Buckingham Palace the foreign commercial missionaries visiting the British Industries Fair. Replying to an address by the Belgian representative, the King emphasised that only by long and strenuous effort could the depreciated currencies be re-established and trade restored. He referred to the advantageousness of commercial and industrial representatives of so many countries discussing problems of common interest in view of the close interdependence of countries for commercial prosperity. Therefore he trusted their visit would have tangible results and be pleasant to themselves and helpful to the great interests they represented.

THE AMERICAN CABINET.

Washington, March 2.
President Harding has definitely chosen Mr. Andrew William Mellon, President of the Mellon National Bank, as Secretary to the Treasury; Lawyer Will H. Hays (Chairman of the Republican National Committee) as Secretary for Posts; and Senator Albert Bacon Fall as Secretary for the Interior.

AMERICAN WARTIME LAWS REPEALED.

Washington, March 2.
The House of Representatives voted in favour of the Senate's Bill providing for the repeal of practically all wartime laws. The Bill will consequently now go before the President for signature. The Lever Food and Fuel Act will also be included among the laws about to be repealed, but the Trading with the Enemy and War Finance Corporation laws will remain in force.

THE MANDATES QUESTION.

New York, March 2.
The Press Bureau says that the texts of the mandates reveal features likely to cause serious controversy when the Assembly of the League re-meets, provided the Council accepts the mandates as submitted.

TREAT OF SEVRES.

Athens, March 2.
The National Assembly passed a resolution for transmission to Premier Calogieropoulos in London expressing Greece's gratitude to the Allies for their benevolent protection but her inability to accept the proposal to revise the Treaty of Sevres.

MOTION FOR IRISH ENQUIRY REJECTED.

London, March 2.
The House by 253 votes to 60 rejected the motion of Capt. Redmond demanding the appointment of a commission of enquiry into the administration of the Crown Forces in Ireland, after a speech by Sir Hamar Greenwood upholding General Tudor's action, deprecating Col. Crozier's conduct in writing to the press and promising that cadets if convicted would be sternly punished.

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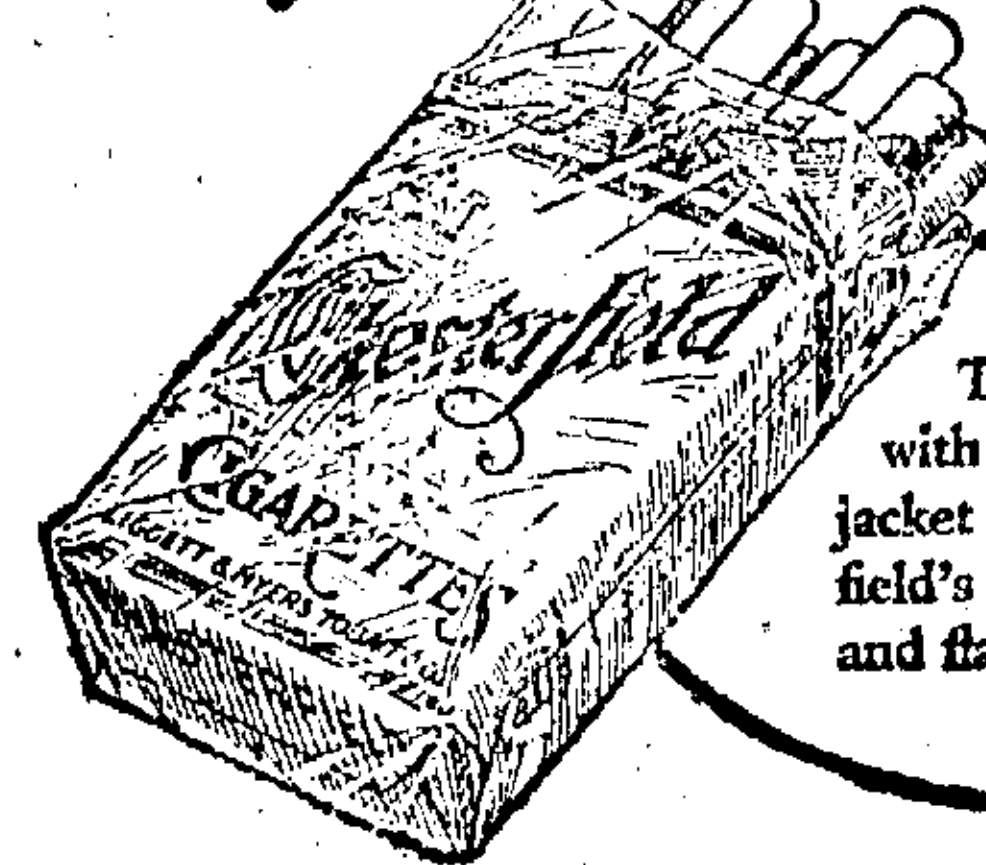
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THE AIR ESTIMATES.

London, March 2.
Mr. Churchill has left London for Cairo, accompanied by Air Marshal Sir H. M. Trenchard and Colonel Lawrence.
The House of Commons has adopted the first of the two votes of the Supplementary Air Estimates after a lively debate, wherein Maj. Gen. Seely, Mr. Joyson Hicks, Sir D. Maclean and others attacked Mr. Churchill for retention of the Air Ministry and concentration on the military side of aviation.
It was arranged that the remaining votes will be taken after Mr. Churchill's return.

THE LATE CAPT. AND
MRS. PLANT.

Funeral Yesterday.

The funeral of the late Captain Plant and his wife, the sad circumstances of whose deaths we reported yesterday, took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. The local shipping companies, as well as the Navy, were represented. When the hearse arrived at the Monument a small contingent of sailors from H.M.S. Tarantula, and five Naval officers, were awaiting it. From there the carriage was drawn to the Protestant Cemetery, followed by a big crowd of sympathisers.

The chief mourners were the two Chinese adopted daughters of the deceased, and accompanying them were the Hon. Mr. John Johnston and Mr. R. Sutherland (representing Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., and the Indo-China S. N. Co., respectively); Captain Wheeler and Mr. D. McMurray, also of Jardine's; Mr. G. T. Edkins (of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire); Mr. W. G. Lay (Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs); Mr. H. L. Russell (Deputy Commissioner C. M. C.); Captain Jones, Captain Hall, Captain Riggs and Captain Sumnerville, Messrs. J. Tully, F. C. Beake, D. E. Donnelly and Duncan Clarke.

The burial ceremony was performed by Bishop Banister, of North China, who, in a short

address, said the name of Captain Plant would be remembered as that of an able shipping man, who, in the last 13 years of his life, had made a new pathway for the service of mankind. He was a pioneer navigator of the upper reaches of the Yangtze. No man in China, continued the Bishop, knew the dangers of the eddies, whirlpools, gorges and rapids of the Yangtze better than the man at whose grave they had gathered. He had never met Captain Plant, but had heard of him from a fellow passenger from Shanghai as a man who had done a true and faithful task in life. It was sheer tragedy that the wife should have followed her husband so quickly to join the majority, and he wished particularly to commend to those present the remembrance of such an able man.

Among the beautiful wreaths placed on the grave were those from the following: Vice Admiral Sir Alexander L. Duff and Miss Duff, "His colleagues of the Chinese Maritime Customs," Indo-China S. N. Co., Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, The Asiatic Petroleum Co., Commander B. R. Brooke, R.N., and all officers who have served on Upper Yangtze gunboats, Inspector General of Chinese Maritime Customs, Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Marine Superintendent of China Navigation Co., Captain G. Chapman, of the S. S. Sinkiang, the Ichang community, Mr. F. G. Beake, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis E. Donnelly and Mr. Ivor A. Donnelly.

GENERAL NEWS.

ANGLO-SCOTTISH LAW-MAKING.
Protest is being made by the Scottish Home Rule Association against "an attempt by the Rules Committee of the High Court of Justice in England to alter the rules of the Supreme Court of England as regards service of writs, which would render Scottish citizens liable to the jurisdiction of English Courts." The change is declared to constitute an infringement of the Treaty of Union.

BLOW TO AUSTRALIAN PROHIBITIONISTS.
A Melbourne message states:—The Board specially appointed by the New South Wales Government has reported that the compensation which would be required to pay the brewers, distillers, maltsters, hotel owners, and publicans in the event of prohibition would be £12,510,478. It is impossible to assess the amount due to the employees, who would have to be paid by the State. The Government have decided in the circumstances to cancel the proposed liquor referendum. The Prohibitionists have been badly beaten recently in Victoria and Queensland.

GIRL GUIDES IN INDIA.
Her Royal Highness Princess Mary has sent the following message to her Girl Guides in India through Lady Baden Powell:—"As President of the Girl Guides I am watching with the fullest interest the progress of the movement in India and I am particularly glad that our sisters in that great country are entering into the Guide activities with the same keenness and the same success that distinguish their sister Guides in every part of the Empire. To all I offer my cordial greeting and good wishes for a year of happiness for themselves and of useful service for others."

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**YOUNG CHINA AND
EDUCATION.****Sidelights on Great Problem.**

A feature of the annual meeting of the East China Educational Association held in Union Church Hall, Shanghai, was an address by Dr. Ren, who made the trip from Peking as the special representative of the Chinese Minister of Education.

Dr. Ren said that he believed that this was the first time that the Peking Government had sent a representative to meet officially with a body of Christian educators, this being an event which showed the change from the attitude of indifference of many years ago to the present attitude of sympathetic co-operation in educational affairs. The hope was expressed that Christian colleges and universities would introduce more courses of a distinctly vocational character, being careful to avoid undesirable duplicating of courses with its resulting waste. Middle Schools were urged to lay greater stress upon Chinese literature and history, employing teachers who were the graduates of modern normal schools.

A salary of \$50 per month was not sufficient to secure a first class teacher of these subjects. In regard to the recognition by the Government of Mission Schools Dr. Ren said that the matter was a simple one, prompt recognition following inspection that showed that the schools had conformed to government requirements.

This matter of Government recognition is to be taken up at the Saturday morning session, when a special committee makes its report.

PHONETIC SCRIPT.

The problem of teaching Chinese in Middle Schools was presented by the Rev. Lowry Davis of Kashing. It was shown that the teaching of the "national language" and phonetic script was slowly making headway in Mission schools and a chart showing the periodicals now being read in the schools showed a good variety of current literature.

Miss Garland of the C. C. C. urged the educators to push the phonetic script in schools as a means of attacking the problem of illiteracy in China, for where schools taught this script it was eagerly and quickly mastered by illiterate adults in that region, who otherwise would be prejudiced against it.

Dr. P. W. Kuo told of an enrollment of 900 students in the Government Teachers' College Summer School Course in the National Language. Mr. Davis urged that schools send teachers to these summer courses and recommended that no school that failed to teach the national language be given full standing by the Accrediting Committee.

The Rev. W. P. Roberts presented a brief report, including social service activities suggested for students.

IMPROVEMENT IN AGRICULTURE.

During the report on the teaching of agriculture Prof. J. L. Buck urged that middle and higher primary schools send teachers to take the courses in agriculture in the summer school of the University of Nanking, in order to be able to teach nature study and school gardening more effectively. Prof. Griffing followed with an interesting account of the progress that had been made in improving Chinese cotton and modifying American cotton for use in China. It was suggested that such schools as could secure farm land might well solve the problem of self-help by introducing the scientific cultivation of cotton. This had worked well in Nanking, providing work all summer and laboratory work during the rest of the year and developing self reliance in the students.

Dr. W. W. Peter, of the Council on Health Education outlined a campaign for the conservation of vision in Chinese schools. This was made possible through the generosity of the American Red Cross. Plans were also presented for an anti-fly campaign to take place through all the schools during April.

The morning session closed with a devotional service conducted by Dr. Walter Lowrie.

THE RADICAL THINKERS.

"Radical Thought among Chinese Students" was the title of a most interesting paper prepared largely by the Rev. R. Y. Lo, Ph. D. and read by the Rev. Paul Hutchinson. This paper showed the amazing unrest in Chinese intellectual circles, stimulating the old nationalist thought of Chinese scholars to challenge practical all the customary social sanctions. The astonishing crop of magazines published even in the vernacular, proposed all sorts of social reforms, and were widely read by more mature students. This radical thought had influenced Mission schools as well as others, and religious beliefs of all sort were being challenged and studied. Such an alert attitude of mind was to be valued for its independent thinking, but needed the guidance of a dynamic faith on the part of sympathetic teachers.

UNIVERSITY LIBERALISM.**Comprehensive Resolutions at London Conference.**

At the first conference of the Union of University Liberal Associations which was held at the University College, London, it was resolved that the peace of the world could only be secured by the inclusion of all nations within the League of Nations and by the drastic reduction of armaments.

Other motions demanded the abandonment of military operations in Mesopotamia, the immediate cessation of open or furtive hostilities with Russia, and the resumption of commercial relations with that country. The conference also declared for the re-establishment of British security, and the common cancellation by the Allied and associated Governments of their war debts.

In regard to Ireland, a resolution was adopted repudiating all sympathy with the murders of the Irish Constabulary, asking the Government to refuse to condone acts of military terrorism and reprisals, to abandon British military activity in Ireland, and to make the Irish people responsible for the maintenance of law and order in that country. Whilst recognizing the right to Ireland of complete independence, the resolution further urged that the acceptance by Ireland of the status of an autonomous British dominion was best calculated to assure the well being of the two nations and the integrity of the British Empire.

On the question of industrial reform, the union pronounced in favour of a reconstruction of the industrial system whereby the exclusive ownership and control of industry by the owners of the capital invested should be replaced by a system in which the labour of brain and hand would play their appropriate part both in ownership and control. The resolution further stated that services of public utility, notably mines, railways, light and power, would be best under public ownership and unified control, but should be carried out in such a way as to include to the maximum the potent force of individual initiative.

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In the report of the Kiangsu Educational Association given by Dr. P. W. Kuo, there were described a central laboratory for teaching science, located near the West Gate, Shanghai, and used by a number of higher primary schools in the city. Student self government had also been stimulated by a union comprising middle schools and schools of higher standing.

After considerable discussion the following plan for reorganization of the Association was adopted:

(1) That we approve the principle of organizing the East China Educational Association in three sections, that is, College, Middle School, and Primary, and recommend to the incoming Executive Committee that the programme for next year's meeting be worked out along the lines of one or two days of sectional conference as above, and a third day of conference as a whole.

(2) That we approve of a budget of at least \$6,000 Mex. for a secretary of the Association.

(3) That a representative committee of seven to be known as the Organization Committee be appointed with power:

1. To work out in detail the budget for the secretary.

2. To determine the basis upon which this fund should be apportioned to the various institutions.

3. To select a secretary and secure his loan by his Mission on the understanding that the Association shall assume his full support after not more than two years.

In the evening the Association were the guests of the Union Church Literary Social Guild at a lantern lecture.

The session for this morning includes reports of committees and the final business.

LATE MAJOR WILLIAMS.**Famous Correspondent of the American Civil War.**

Major George Forrester Williams, journalist and soldier, who was managing editor of the *New York Times* from 1870 to 1873, has passed away after a four days' illness of pneumonia in the Staten Island Hospital. Since the death of his wife last November he had been living with friends in West New Brighton.

BORN ON THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR.

Not inappropriately to his adventurous and picturesque career, Major Williams was born in 1837 on the Rock of Gibraltar. His father, an English army Captain, was the son of a Captain who charged with the Scots Greys at Waterloo. After a childhood spent in the East and West Indies and on the African Gold Coast, he came to this country on the death of his parent, landing in New York, aged 13, and with only \$3 in his pockets. He learned the printing trade and got his first job on the *New York Times* as a compositor.

After changing to the editorial department he received rapid promotions until the Civil War interrupted his work. He then fought for three years, rising from private to Brevet Major, and was severely wounded at Malvern Hill and the Wilderness. During the last year of the struggle he acted as war correspondent. The news of Phil Sheridan's famous ride to the battle of Winchester was secured by him as a "beat" for the *N. Y. Times*.

A CORRESPONDENT IN MEXICO.

In 1867 he went to Mexico as a correspondent during Franco-Mexican conflict, being present at the execution of Emperor Maximilian. The following year he spent in South America as Brigadier General and Chief of Artillery of the Guatemalan and Peruvian armies.

Then he came back to New York and journalism again, and was made managing editor of the *Times* in 1870. He later went to the *Herald*, and was managing editor there too, from 1875 to 1876. He directed the new dealer war waged by James Gordon Bennett in 1883-4, and compelled the sale of the *Herald* at a reduced price. After leaving the *Herald* he held various positions on other local papers, among them night city editor, of the *World* and of the *Repealer*.

PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK PRESS CLUB.

While President of the New York Press Club, being the second incumbent of that office, he presided at the dinner given by the organization to President Grant.

Major Williams wrote several books, the best known being the volumes of reminiscence entitled "*Bullet and Shell*" and "*Half a Century of New York Newspaper Life*."

JUDGE THREATENED.

Scene at the Old Bailey.

A prisoner, sentenced at the Old Bailey, threatened violence to the Judge (Mr. H. F. Dickens, K.C., the Common Serjeant.)

"I can tell you it would not be well for you if you were here," said the man, Simon Cane, as he was removed from the dock to the cells.

During the evidence Cane, who was found guilty of being a suspected person and assaulting the police, constantly interrupted, and made offensive comments to the judge. The man challenged the statements of the police in regard to the premises where he was found as a suspected person, and the Court adjourned to allow him to take measurements at the premises in order to assist his defence.

A long list of convictions was proved against him and on one occasion, owing to his violence to other prisoners and warders, he served every day of the sentence—a most unusual occurrence, said Detective-Inspector Brown.

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"He has never made any attempt at honest work," added the inspector, "and is generally found outside public-houses in Deptford demanding money from men and women who are the worse for drink. Respectable traders in that neighbourhood heave a sigh of relief when he is in custody."

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a certificate of appeal and about to the Judge. "You have given the certificate, and said Cane could appeal in the ordinary way if he wished."

FLOWER SHOW.

Presentation of Prizes.

The Hongkong Horticultural Society's show at the Botanic Gardens yesterday drew many people thither, all of whom were delighted with the excellent display of flowers and vegetables. In the presence of a large gathering, Lady Stubbs distributed the prizes at five o'clock. Mr. L. N. Lee, President and among those present were His Excellency the Governor, the Bishop of Victoria, the acting Chief Justice (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz), Hon. Mr. Claud Severn (Colonial Secretary), Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Hon. Mr. B. A. Irving, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Rev. Mr. Holman, Dr. Saunders, Capt. Warner, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. B. A. Nicholson, and Mr. Davidson (Kowloon).

Mr. Lee, in introducing Lady Stubbs, said he thought the Society was to be congratulated upon the general excellence of the show. Possibly it had not quite come up to the expectations some people had entertained about it, and it was a little difficult to account for this, because the season as a whole had been a favourable one for horticulture. One of the chief features of the show had been the excellence of the exhibits from that much abused—deservedly much abused—place, the Peak, and he hoped the growing of flowers there would be continued. Down below, the exhibits seemed to be generally not quite up to the standard of former years. Mr. Lee, proceeding, said he did not think any remarks about the show were complete without some reference to the roses. (of the Cosmopolitan Docks) The skill and enthusiasm of Mr. Nicholson (of the Cosmopolitan Docks) in this respect were hard to beat, and he hoped all would take advantage of the pamphlet Mr. Nicholson published the other day on roses, which gave a number of valuable practical hints which would be useful to people in indulging in this delightful hobby. He expressed thanks to him and others, including Mr. Ho Kom-tong, for their kindness in enabling a stall to be erected for the sale of flowers. They would be pleased to know \$700 had already been collected. (Applause). He thought there was no doubt the show retained its popularity. The reason for which the Society had formed could only be due to interest in it, and he trusted one would endeavour to induce his friends to become members. He wished to thank all those who had contributed to make the show a success, including the judges, and last but not least Mr. Gibbs, whose untiring energy and skill had been placed at the Society's disposal on more than one occasion before. (Applause).

Lady Stubbs then handed the prizes to the successful exhibitors, and Mr. Lee, in thanking her, asked her acceptance of the beautiful basket of roses, mentioned earlier. At the Chairman's instance three hearty cheers were given for Lady Stubbs and the proceedings were then brought to a close.

CHALLENGE CUPS.

Winners of the challenge cups were:—
Pot plants (Open).—Sir Paul Chater.
Pot plants (Peak).—Sir Robert Ho Tung.
Vegetables (Open).—Kowloon Cricket Club.
Vegetables (Peak).—Mrs. A. Denison.
Cut Flowers (Open).—Sir Paul Chater.
Cut Flowers (Peak).—Mr. T. E. Pearce.

A sum of upwards of \$800 was realised by the sale of flowers and plants for the North China Famine Relief Fund.

RELUCTANT INCOME-TAX PAYERS.
At the Wigan County Police Court there were no fewer than 259 summonses for the non-payment of income tax by workers, mostly miners in the Wigan coalfield, the length of the list requiring that the magistrates should divide the Court and hold two sittings simultaneously. On four recent Court days the number of these summonses reached a record total of approximately 1,000 cases.



MR. A. B. FALL,
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of the Interior.

BILLIARDS.

Ho Kom-Tong Cups.

Playing at the Palace Hotel last night, Mr. J. P. Wilson (-200) beat Mr. D. Urquhart (-125), 250-83. Best breaks.—Mr. Wilson, 32, 24, 21, 20, 17, 16, 15, 15; Mr. Urquhart, 16, 15.

Mr. A. J. Osmund (-300) beat Mr. W. Smith (-100), 250-150. Best breaks.—Mr. Osmund, 41, 40, 40, 38, 37, 30, 22, 22, 20, 19, 18, 15, 15; Mr. Smith, 24.

To-night's Matches.

6 p.m.—Mr. J. Muckerjee (-50) v. Mr. J. Sowray (-200).
9 p.m.—Not yet arranged.

A COMMON ERROR
ABOUT THE DIGESTION.

Many people so far misunderstand the digestive system as to treat it like a machine; neglecting it until it works inefficiently, then irritating it into work again. The stomach needs help at times, but a study of the process of digestion will show that purgatives, as commonly taken, are seldom necessary.

To safeguard your digestion the diet must be controlled. Over-eating is always harmful, but one must assimilate enough food to supply the needs of the blood. Remember, the blood has to carry nourishment all over the body, and find fuel for its energy. Hence, when the blood becomes weak and fails to do its work, indigestion arises; also, when indigestion begins the blood suffers. Therefore, the treatment of indigestion demands something more effective than purgatives.

If you suffer from any form of indigestion choose your diet carefully and take wholesome nourishment. Above all, start building up your blood by taking a course of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Then, under the influence of the regenerated blood, your digestive system will respond naturally, your appetite will improve, and your food will do you good.

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SATURDAY BANKING HOURS.

By agreement between the Exchange Banks, SATURDAY BANKING HOURS in Hong Kong, beginning on Saturday 5th March, 1921, will be as follows:—
From 9.30 a.m. to 12 Noon only for all Banking Business.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1921.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Monday, the 7th March, 1921 commencing at 11 a.m.
at No. 16 Godown of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.
(for account of the concerned)
115 Bales Green Line Gunnies 43 x 29 (2½ lbs.)
(stored in the above godown)
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Friday, the 4th March 1920, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street
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Saturday, the 5th March, 1921 commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 18 Godown of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon (for account of the concerned)
4936 Bags Salted Salmon.
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NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The Final Dividend declared for the year ending 31st December, 1920, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling per share is payable on after Monday the 28th day of February 1921, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors
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NOTICE.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the City Hall on Friday, 11th March at 5.30 p.m. for the following purposes:—

(a) To receive the report of the Committee and statement of accounts for the past year.
(b) To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
(c) To consider the manner in which next St. George's Day shall be celebrated.
(d) To transact any other business of which due notice has been given.
All members are requested to attend.

C. BLAKER,
Hon. Secretary
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1921.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

The Dining and Dancing accommodation is fully booked for the night of WEDNESDAY, 9th March, 1921.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

The approach roads to the above Hotel are closed temporarily for the purpose of regrading. Patrons are, therefore, kindly requested to use the steps opposite the main entrance until completion of such work.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

M. J. D. STEPHENS, Solicitor.
The Office has been REMOVED to 1st Floor, No. 15, Connaught Road, Central, (beyond the Post Office).
Hong Kong, March 1st, 1921.

NOTICE.

Messrs. Little, Adams & Wood have removed their offices to the New Building on Murray Battery, Lower Albert Road.

WAR MEMORIAL.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

For the erection by Public Subscription, of a building to be run on Y.M.C.A. lines, to be called the "War Memorial Institute" and to be managed for the joint use of the Navy, the Army and Civilians by a Joint Board of Directors.

A portion of the sum raised will be devoted to the erection of a permanent stone memorial which will be put in hand at an early date.

Lists may be found at:—
Messrs. Lane Crawford
Messrs. Kelly & Walsh
Messrs. Moutrie
Messrs. Wm. Powell Ltd.
The Hongkong Club
The Hongkong Cricket Club
The Club Luitaiti
The Engineers' Institute
The Victoria Recreation Club
The Kowloon Cricket Club
The Kowloon Bowling Club
The Peak Club
The Club de Recreio
The Craignower Inn
M. J. BREEN,
Hon. Secretary War Memorial Committee.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

The Forty-Third Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agent, Pedder's Street, on Friday the 18th March at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1920.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th to 18th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Agents.
Hong Kong, 18th February, 1921.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB DINNER AND DANCE.

The above will take place at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday the 5th March at 7.30 p.m.
Plans of Tables at the Hongkong Hotel.

D. J. PURVES,
Hon. Secretary,
c/o Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Dr. Jos. W. Noble and Dr. P. Rees Daugherty announce that their dental office heretofore located in the Bank Building, will be moved on March 1st to the 4th Floor, Hotel Mansions.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Com-a-y's Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, 19th MARCH, 1921, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1921.

NOTICE.

A reception in honour of the 29 Bishops of the Missions Etrangères at present in the Colony will be held at the Catholic Union on Sunday, the 6th instant, at 4.30 p.m., to which all Catholics are cordially invited.
J. D. OSMUND,

President Catholic Union,
P. M. HODGSON,
President Catholic Men's Club.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

From TACOMA via YOKO-HAMA, KOBE, NAGASAKI and MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"ALABAMA MARU"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 9th inst., will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' representative and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and Saturday. All claims must be presented within Ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurances whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignatures immediately.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA,
Y. YASUDA,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd March, 1921.

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EMPLOYMENT.—Expert Lady Stenographer, English, just from Home, desires situation with British Firm, part or whole time. Five years Government Secretarial Experience. Apply Box 523 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph."

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OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE DINNER.

It is proposed to hold the above on Boat Race day, March 30th. Members of the two Universities who wish to attend are asked to send their names with Colleges and dates to Captain Warner, Government House.

St. John's Cathedral
Monday, March 7th
At 9.15 P.M.

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Births.

MURDOCH.—At the Peak Hospital, on March 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Murdoch, a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph

Hongkong, Thursday, March 3, 1921.

HARBOUR FIRES.

The fire on board the Korea Maru yesterday leads us to advert to the subject of the fire-fighting service of the Colony. We wish to make it quite clear, in the beginning, that any complaint we make is not directed against the men employed in that service but against the organisation of it, against its being behind the actual requirements of the times. Let us see what happened yesterday morning when the fire on board was first discovered. A message had to be got through to the Fire Station and to the Central Police Station. An alarm had to be sounded and policemen (at least those liable for fire duty) had to be collected and dispatched to the Central Fire Station where they boarded an engine and were transported to the Fire Float, lying on the Praya by Statue Wharf. It was then an easy matter to get the float under way and proceed to the scene of the outbreak. We will leave it to the judgment of any reader to estimate the length of time that elapsed between the receipt of the news at Central and the actual arrival of the float alongside the distressed vessel.

Hongkong is quite well equipped regarding fire floats. We have two, one of which is always off Statue Wharf with a small head of steam on, ready for a call. The other, we believe, is always kept in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter without steam, the two floats having alternate spells of on and off duty. But the point about it all is that there is no regular fire staff to man these floats. It is a case of collecting men together; possibly men who have just come off police duty. Recently we made a plea for the establishment of a distinctly separate Fire Brigade Force and that plea is made all the more reasonable and strong when one considers the matter from the shipping point of view. Hongkong is a sufficiently important shipping centre to justify the provision of a very efficient body of harbour firemen, just as it is a sufficiently overcrowded city to warrant the establishment of a fire brigade for fire work only. We have heard the suggestion made that the ideal way of catering for the harbour would be the Government's purchase of a hulk on which the men (native and European) could live, on which all necessary stores could be kept, and which would be located in some fairly central spot, handy to any outbreak that might occur. It would act as a parent ship to the two floats which at present have no settled home and which are always out of commission for a few hours after a spell of duty. The last-named happening is almost unavoidable at the present time because there is the necessary re-conditioning and re-victualling to be done. A parent ship would obviate many of the present difficulties. Alternatively, it has been suggested that a Fire Station should be located on the Praya—a station sufficiently commodious to house both land and water brigades. The Colony already knows that provision has been made for a large new Central Fire Station near the Central Market. Just how near to the Central Market the site is we have not learned, but the Government would do well to consider the advisability of placing the building on the Praya.

His Excellency the Governor has promised us that with the return of the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, the whole question of the Fire Brigade will be gone into, and we trust that due attention will be paid to the improvement of the present arrangements for dealing with outbreaks on board vessels in Port. This is so important a matter to the mercantile and commercial interests of the Colony, that our Unofficial Members might well interest themselves in it. We hope to see the matter raised often enough to ensure something being done.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The Counter-Proposals.

So far from the much-discussed German counter-proposals approximating to the Paris conclusions, they prove to represent but a fraction of the 7½ milliards which rumour had credited Berlin with an intention of offering. This circumstance emerges pretty clearly from a later message among a series which are not altogether explicit. The Allies fixed the amount of the reparations at £11,300,000,000, payable in forty-two years, the annual payments rising from £100,000,000 to £300,000,000 in the twelfth year. The German proposal appears to offer a payment of £50,000,000 per annum for thirty-two years—total £1,500,000,000. After making liberal allowance for the reparations already made, no sort of meeting-ground is to be found in this suggestion. The Allies also formulated a 12½ per cent. tax on German exports. Germany proposes to co-operate in the reconstruction of the devastated areas in lieu of the tax. Leaving this point over, we see that the Berlin offer does not amount to one-seventh of the sum fixed by the Allies. It is not surprising that Herr von Simons looked "troubled", as the report says, when submitting this proposition. The French and Italians in particular, we are told, were considerably surprised at the counter-proposals, but British citizens, who are being taxed to provide some £300,000,000 per annum for interest on the National Debt alone, must equally deem the counter-proposals "ludicrously inadequate."

Other Days.

An ex-officer's experience on revisiting the scenes of his service in Flanders induces one to cogitate upon the mutability of things. Day after day, and more particularly night after night, millions of men were employed on the parallel lines of trenches, first of all in constructing them, and after that in continuous repairing or strengthening. No matter how much work had been put into the task, there was always, more to do, hence Tommy's grouse when dusk brought the usual summons for working parties from the troops enjoying a turn in the "rest" camps. There is material for an illuminating calculation as to how many large cities could have been built with the labour so expended. And what is the end of this mighty output of energy, often accompanied by peril, to say nothing of impediments and discomforts indescribable? In many places those interminable lines as they seemed to be, reaching from the Channel coast to the Swiss frontier, are—nothing but a mass of weeds! While the war was in progress ingenious Army topographers named sets of trenches after well-known thoroughfares, so that new arrivals, finding themselves in the Strand, could gauge the direction of Charing Cross, while a quarter tenanted by Lowland "Jocks" was pretty sure to boast of Sauchiehall Street. What with the huge overgrowth of vegetation, the peasants, and the Chinese Labour Corps, the ex-officer referred to found it difficult to identify even well-known spots. *Sic transit gloria mundi!* These deeply-trenched fields were the scene of Liberty's triumph—but one trusts that their passing is not symbolic.

A Famous "Sport."

A paragraph in our yesterday's issue outlined the career of Mr. Robert Edgren, the well-known American sporting journalist and career-one-time athlete, who is first choice as referee for the Dempsey-Carpentier clash. "Bob" Edgren was "some" hammer-thrower in his Varsity days and after, and as stated in the paragraph, he has been associated with all kinds of sport for upwards of twenty years. One memorable incident in his career was not alluded to, however. Americansportmen will probably recollect the occasion. At the time of the wrestling boom Mr. Edgren was "third man in the ring"—or on the mat—when Hackenschmidt encountered the late Frank Gotch at Dexter's Amphitheatre, Chicago.

ANFU ACTIVITY.

The Chinese press reports that intelligence agents in Shanghai have informed the Peking Government that the old Anfu Club members are recruiting troops in Nantongchow, Tsungming, Hailow, Chinkiang, and other places for the purpose of starting another up-rising. Upon receipt of this report, the Peking Government has ordered all local officials to investigate.

DAY BY DAY.

MANY MEN AND WOMEN SPEND THEIR LIVES IN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO SPIN THE FLAX GOD SENDS THEM UPON A WHEEL THEY CAN NEVER USE.—J. G. Holland.

Yesterday's health return shows three fatal cases of small-pox (Chinese), two non-fatal cases of diphtheria (Chinese).

The collections at Union Church on February 20th for the North China Famine Relief Fund amounted to \$869.11, which amount has been transmitted to the central fund per Rev. C. E. Claxton, Treasurer, Office of the London Missionary Society, Shanghai.

We learn that Mr. C. H. Robertson, the well-known Y.M.C.A. lecturer, who has delighted so many audiences in Hongkong in the past, has kindly consented to give a lecture at the Helena May Institute on "Relativity: or the Einstein Theory" at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, March 7th. This subject is being widely discussed at home, and the lecture promises to be most interesting.

The soloist at the organ recital at St. John's Cathedral on Monday evening is Miss Bertha Meischke, Diplomee of the Hague Conservatoire, who will sing "Panis Angelicus" by Cesar Franck and Gounod's "Requiem," better known in English as the well-known sacred solo "O Divine Redeemer." The organ numbers will include a Mendelssohn Sonata, Mascagni's Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana," Handel's famous Largo and the wonderful Finale from Tchaikowsky's Pathetic Symphony, one of the most tragic pieces ever written, the full history of which is not yet known. The collection will be in aid of the Cathedral Organ Fund.

Caught by the Police on the Taiping passenger junk yesterday, a Chinese was brought before Mr. G. N. Orme at the Police Court this morning to give an explanation of how he came into the possession of 66 taels of raw opium and 12½ taels of prepared opium. Sergeant Dick, who made the arrest, told the Magistrate that when his offence was discovered the prisoner simply smiled, as much as to indicate that it could not be helped, being due to "bad joss." However that may be, there was not the vestige of a smile on his countenance when he heard the sentence of the Magistrate, which means that he will go to gaol for six months if a fine of \$1,200 is not forthcoming.

A musical entertainment in aid of the London Hospital will be given on Wednesday, 16th March next, in the Canton Club Theatre, on Shamoan. There will be vocal and instrumental music, and the Committee is promised the support of local talent for tableaux and other attractions; in fact, a rare treat is in store. The Committee tender their best thanks to those foreign firms and individuals that have already given their support, and have every hope that the appeal of the Chairman of the London Hospital, will in this way, attain the help from all desiring to give aid to this worthy cause. Hospitals in England receive no State aid, but are entirely dependent upon outside contributions for their support.

Attending as the guests of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mr. James Ormiston, a number of the Colony's leading business men, architects and civil engineers yesterday had tiffin at the Hongkong Hotel, when they made the acquaintance of Mr. Leonard Redmayne, a London director of the Anglo-Chinese Engineers' Association, Ltd. The Hon. Mr. Holyoak presided and amongst those present were the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins (Director of Public Works), Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. G. T. Edkins and many others interested in British engineering. The Chairman proposed the health of Mr. Redmayne, who, he explained, had come out East to study conditions in view of foreign competition. Mr. Redmayne replied in a most interesting speech, in which he reviewed trade conditions at home and assured his listeners that British manufacturers were not indifferent to the demands of the export markets.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

other missiles from verandahs of houses and buildings into the roadway?

Answer.

3. The Government intends to prohibit the sale or use in the Colony of all crackers bombs or other explosive objects that depend for their effect on the shattering of a strong casing or that explode by detonation, and to enforce the provisions of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance where an article is used specifically included in the list of Dangerous Goods. Such prohibition will not affect the crackers generally used. The reply to the latter part of the question is that there is considerable difficulty in enforcing existing legislation owing to the impossibility in most cases of identifying the actual offender, while there are objections to legislating for the purpose of making the occupier of the premises from which objects are thrown criminally liable for the acts of others.

Question.

4. In view of the general and considerable increase in motor traffic in this Colony, and the probability that it will still further increase ere long, will the Government appoint a small Committee to enquire into and revise traffic conditions and regulations?

Answer.

4. The traffic regulations were carefully revised last year, and it is not considered that any further revision is now required.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak gave notice of further questions—one asking the Government to state when it is likely that the European Police Force will be brought to their normal strength; another that a committee be appointed to go into the question of traffic regulations; and another as to whether the Government would state why they expected so long a delay in the completion of the maternity ward of the Barker Road Hospital as the matter had been under consideration for the best part of two years.

REPLIES TO MR. POLLOCK. Questions put by the Hon. Mr. Pollock, with the Colonial Secretary's replies, are given below:—

Question.

1. Will the Government include in the Hongkong Hansard all Legislative Council Questions which have been answered in the Government Gazette, together with the Answers to such Questions?

Answer.

1. The answer is in the affirmative.

Question.

2. Will the Government include in the Census which is being compiled this year, a Census of Chinese who have been bought (a) for purposes of adoption; (b) for domestic service?

Answer.

2. It is proposed to add a column to the Chinese Schedule requesting information regarding adopted persons. The exact wording is now under consideration.

Question.

3. When will work be commenced on the Kowloon hospital site? What steps are being taken to expedite the building of such hospital?

Answer.

3. It is not possible at present to give a date. Sketch plans have been prepared and are considered satisfactory. It is possible that work on the site will be commenced within two months and when the detailed plans are finished tenders will be invited.

Question.

4. Is it the fact that, without alteration to the passing points, cars can be put on the Peak Tramway to hold 60 passengers each instead of 40? If so, will the Government, in view of many people being frequently crowded out of the cars, urge the Peak Tramway Company to put on such larger cars at an early date?

Answer.

4. The whole question of what, if any, alterations are desirable in the Peak Tramway is under consideration, and the Government is not prepared to make any representation to the Company with regard to the size of the cars at the present time.

Question.

5. Will the Government lay upon the table the correspondence between (i) His Excellency the Governor; and (ii) the Hongkong

Government and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, upon the subject of Constitutional Reform since the public meeting in January, 1919, at which resolutions were passed in favour of (i) An Unofficial majority on the Legislative Council; (ii) The abolition of Government nomination in regard to all the non-Chinese members of that Council; and (iii) Enlarging the body of electors?

Answer.

5. The Government is not prepared to lay the correspondence upon the table.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock said that with regard to the answer to question No. 2, he would like to point out that he asked for a census of those bought for purposes of adoption and for purposes of domestic service. He did not know whether the answer to the question was intended as a negative in the case of those who had been bought for domestic purposes.

His Excellency said that the answer was intended to imply that the question was under consideration.

With reference to the answer to question No. 4, the Hon. Mr. Pollock wished to know how long the Government had had the alteration of the Peak Tramways under consideration and how soon the views of the Government would likely be given.

His Excellency:—I must ask for notice.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock said that with regard to the answer to question No. 5, he would ask why despatch of a confidential nature had been sent on a matter of this sort.

His Excellency:—I am afraid that question cannot be properly answered.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

The Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912.

The Bill was passed.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSIONS.

The Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

The Bill was passed.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Even when established at Downing Street the Minister is confronted with a most complicated position between that part of the house which is residential and that part which is official. Next door, at No. 11, the domestic side produced a historic quarrel between Gladstone and Disraeli. Apparently even the few compensations of the past are now lacking. Mr. George Russell used to tell a tale of the kindly attentions of the workmen of the Office of Works, who could be relied on for repairs, for odd jobs, for picture-hanging, and the like, operations which might extend from the official to the non-official part of the building. But the eager watchfulness of modern days might result in loud "jazz-band" alarm if such pleasant artifices were employed still.

The most effective part of the Bill to stop duelling which has been submitted to the French Chamber is the clause penalising the publication of reports of duels. But for the publicity given to these encounters in certain newspapers the duelling habit would now be as obsolete in France as it is in England. On grounds of economy, too, it is time that duels were pronounced illegal, for whereas under the Second Empire an ordinary *affaire d'honneur* cost each principal about a hundred francs, a detailed estimate published in 1909 set the cost at three times that amount. This covers "cabfars" for your seconds to attend meetings with the other seconds and their outlay at the cafes where the meetings are arranged. If pistols are the weapons selected they must be hired from Gaston Renette at anything up to a hundred francs. Then comes the hire of an open carriage to proceed to the field of honour. Refreshments for all are needed on the way out, and if the coachman is to look solemn instead of sarcastic he must be well primed. On returning to Paris the seconds and the doctor must be stowed a first-rate lunch, and unless the doctor is a personal friend he expects a fee of fifty francs. So if three hundred francs cover the whole business you may think yourself lucky.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The news that a Clapham schoolboy of eleven is receiving a salary of twenty pounds a week as a film-actor has stirred the souls of hundreds of ambitious youngsters all over the country, says a London paper. In real drama child actors have often received very big salaries. There was "Little Spark" famous a few years ago in provincial pantomime. She made her first appearance in "Little Red Riding Hood," at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham, and began at a salary of £7 10s. a week. Very soon she was getting double that amount. What is probably a record in the way of juvenile theatrical success was the engagement of little Miss Elise Craven, at His Majesty's Theatre, at a salary of one hundred pounds a week.

A comparison between the way in which sightseers are catered for in this country and in Japan is made by Count Futaba, a Japanese traveller, in some impressions of England, which he has published in a Tokyo paper. What struck him most forcibly about "show places" such as Stratford-on-Avon was the cordiality with which pilgrims to Shakespeare's birth-place were received, and the honest treatment meted out to them. "In Japanese pleasure resorts and places of historic interest," he says, "it very often happens that visitors get a bad impression from the tricks of dishonest tradesmen."

Our policy seems to be to fish for custom with fireworks and lotteries and cheap railway fares," whereas "English people certainly carry into practice the sentiment of their proverb, 'Honesty is the best policy.'"

Mr. Asquith's revelation before the Cabinet Salaries Committee that he left office a much poorer man than he was when he entered it is really nothing new, states a writer in a Home journal. The Duke of Newcastle, through whose hands passed, during many years of office, a stream of patronage compared with which modern opportunities are the merest trickle, left office a poorer man by £300,000. Mr. Gladstone was another who suffered financially by long holding of high office, and Sir George Trevelyan has borne melancholy testimony to the contrast between the nineteenth and eighteenth centuries in this respect. What may be new to some people, perhaps, is the revelation of No. 10, Downing Street as a white elephant. To begin with, most statesmen who proceed from some other high office to the Premiership already have an establishment in London. Lord Salisbury and Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman preferred their own houses, and regarded Downing Street as an office. Mr. Gladstone, for part of his Premiership at least, kept up a big house in Carlton House Terrace.

An invention which makes it possible to carry on a conversation direct from the throat instead of the mouth promises to revolutionize telephonic conversation, says a writer in a London paper. Known as the mouth laryngophone, the invention enables a person to talk in noisy surroundings or under abnormal conditions, and at the same time leave the mouth free for breathing purposes. The transmitter is about the size of a wrist watch. It gathers up the vibrations direct from the vocal chords when it is placed in contact with the throat, and the sounds are plainly heard in the receiver. A special apparatus has been designed for fire brigades, enabling a superintendent to be in constant touch with his masked men, and converse with them readily. Hose men working on ladders and roof tops can keep in telephonic touch with those working in other parts of a burning building. The invention can also be such between chauffeur and motor-car passenger, between air pilot and passenger, in noisy workshops, in railway tunnels, and in marine engine-rooms. The submarine workers can talk to men on the surface, or make signals to the operator by simply dropping his jaw to the full extent, this move, ment working a switch.

ARGENTINE SOCIALISTS BAN "INTERNATIONALS."

Argentine Socialists have decided, first, not to join the Third International at Moscow, and secondly, to leave the Second International.

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WRONGFUL ARREST.

Action Against Shewan,
Tomes and Co.

Arising out of the Summary action suit of Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co. against the Chin Wah Trading Company and Pow Man Hing, described as the managing partner thereof, for the sum of \$854.65 for goods sold and delivered, an action was brought by Pow Man Hing this morning before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood against Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co. for damages for wrongful arrest, as Pow Man Hing was the partner of the Chin Wah Trading Company, as alleged. Mr. Turner, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston, appeared for Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co. and Mr. A. H. Crew for Pow Man Hing.

Mr. Muntion, of the engineering department of Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co. said that he had instructed his employees to find out Pow Man Hing, of the firm of Chin Wah Trading Company. Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co. had sold a lot of goods to the Chin Wah Trading Company and the firm had closed down. The matter was dropped for about two months, but it was eventually raised again with one Szun. Szun came in November or December to him and said that he met Pow Man Hing in the street. Another, salaried employee of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co. located him in 31, Aberdeen Street.

Mr. Turner:—How long have you had experience of business in China?—Since 1916.

Why did you think that the man was going to leave the Colony?—The shop was practically shut and when my broker told me that Pow Man Hing tried to avoid him and, having past experience of the way small Chinese firms disappear overnight, I came to the conclusion that he was likely to leave the Colony.

Mr. Crew:—After you had found that he was living in Aberdeen, you then rushed off to your solicitors and issued a writ against him for his arrest?—Pow Man Hing was the only man I knew.

His Lordship:—Having discovered his address, you took no

steps to ascertain his position?—No.

Mr. Crew:—You did not apply to this man for payment?—No. Did your broker say that Pow Man Hing was a partner?—He was convinced that he was.

His Lordship:—You said previously you "believed"?—As far as I know he was the only man with whom we dealt. We thought that he was a partner in the firm. Mr. Crew:—Did it ever occur to you, as a means of finding out the partnership, a reference to the Directory? It is a serious matter to arrest a man and bring him to Court. Did you take any steps to refer to the Directory to find out that the man whom you were going to arrest was partner and not an employee?—No.

Mr. Crew produced a Directory where the English names of the firm appeared together with a list of partners.

Mr. Turner pointed out that the book mentioned the Chin Wah Trading Company and not the English translation of the name.

The employed broker of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co. said that he had been looking out for Pow Man Hing since June. He kept his eye on him once in Wellington Street, but the moment he saw him he ran away. That was about the end of the last Chinese year.

Addressing the Judge, Mr. Turner said the issue rested on whether there were reasonable grounds to suppose that Pow Man Hing would leave the Colony, and if his Lordship decided that Pow Man Hing was not leaving the Colony what the damages would be.

His Lordship:—I believe that Chan did not play straight with Messrs. Shewan, Tomes. He did not give them information that was correct.

Mr. Crew:—The words in the Act say "insufficient grounds." The master is responsible for the action of the servant.

His Lordship:—I do not believe that Pow Man Hing went to Shewan, Tomes to order goods.

Mr. Turner:—All I say is that he went round and the goods were delivered to him. The shop was shut up and Pow could not be got. The next point is whether Mr. Muntion acted reasonably with his business experience of

the Chinese, and, if not, what constituted proper damages. If your Lordship thinks that Mr. Muntion had not sufficient grounds for arresting Pow, the damages must be infinitesimal. Ko and Lau were partners of this firm and they were previously sacked from Messrs. Shewan, Tomes. The difficulty of it is that Mr. Muntion had chosen to swear on the information which dishonest folks gave him. The proper method of procedure would have been to make a declaration by the broker. It was all very well to arrest a man at 8 o'clock in the morning, drag him up to the Court and possibly have him in gaol for a few days and then say, "Oh we are very sorry." The story on which we acted is grossly untrue. We acted on the statement of our broker. Of course, my friend had to withdraw the charge the moment the man was brought in chambers before your Lordship.

His Lordship enquired what salary the man was now getting and was told that it was \$40 a month and commission. Mr. Crew added that although Pow Man Hing had not suffered monetary damages he had "lost face". Damages of \$50 and costs were given against Shewan, Tomes and Co.

A NOVEL DRAMA AT

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"The Last Act" is a novel drama, by which is here meant not a dramatised version of a novel, but a drama striking a distinctly novel note. It is the work of Mr. N. Thorpe-Mayne and his wife, two of the leading members of the cast; and the play held the excellent "house" from the opening scene, in which Miss Rivers' will is read, to the startling denouement in the third act—firstly, by reason of the fascinating quality of the drama itself, and also by its admirable rendering. It is safe to say that every one of the substantial audience thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the performance, and had its merits been fully understood in advance it is probable that seats would have been at a premium. The Warwick Company have presented a number of attractive performances at the Theatre Royal, and last evening they excelled.

There is nothing new under the sun, says the adage, despite which the authors, as already intimated, have contrived to introduce a development of the most unlooked-for kind. The mystery centres around the fate of Miss Rivers, whose will bequeathes £250 to young Bruce Menzies, with sundry similar legacies, while the bulk of the estate of some £50,000 goes to the niece of the testatrix, Miss Hester Rivers. A prior will bequeathed Bruce £10,000. There was also a large bequest for the benefit of mothers of nameless children. The question is: How did Miss Rivers come to her end?

Miss Hester Rivers is consumed with the duty of avenging her aunt, whose body was discovered in a neighbouring river, at a spot not far from where she had been speaking to Bruce, who was the last person known to have seen Miss Rivers alive. Enter Inspector Janice, C. I. D., who discovers in Miss Rivers' bureau an unfinished letter to Bruce, saying that the remittance enclosed was the last that would be sent, as she did not intend any longer to countenance his disreputable mode of life. Result: the arrest of Bruce on the capital charge just as a double betrothal has been consummated, Bruce having become engaged to Myrtle Derincourt, while his friend, Johnny Willington, has become engaged to her sister, Lavender, wards of Bruce's father, Major Menzies. Bruce's proximity to the scene and the testimony of a bank manager cause Bruce to be condemned.

While he is awaiting the extreme sentence his fiancée, assured of his innocence, appeals to an old friend, Pangmore Langham, an amateur detective of the humane kind, to exert his talents on Bruce's behalf. Langham is himself in love with Myrtle, though she only learned of it suddenly just before, but he at once applies himself to the case, and discovers that the account of her life given by Miss Hester Rivers, who had exhibited bitter animosity at Bruce's trial, is false. With the assistance of Miss Rivers' old housekeeper, Queller, who believes herself to be helping in the avenging of her departed mistress, Langham

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KOREA MARU FIRE.

How It Was Extinguished.

Reports made at official quarters this morning indicate that the task which confronted the firemen by the outbreak in the between-decks of No. 5 hold of the Korea Maru yesterday was a most difficult one, and that the hold had to be entirely flooded with water before the flames were stifled. Various devices were employed to gain access to the flames, and when the dense volume of smoke that issued through the hatchway made it impossible for entry through that medium, engineers from the local Dock Companies set to work to bore through the watertight compartment separating the hold from No. 6. The bales of hemp were stacked up against the whole height of the compartment, but setting to work on the top part of the compartment, in No. 6 hold, the engineers soon drilled several holes through which the hoses could play over the burning cargo. A large ventilator was also utilized, and through it the firemen were able to direct their hoses, without any difficulty, into the hold involved. It was not until the hold was flooded to a depth of several feet that the fire gave out.

This morning surveyors are busy at work in estimating the damage done. It is believed that other cargo in the adjacent holds, particularly another consignment of hemp placed at the bottom of No. 6 hold, was more or less damaged by water filtering through.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. Tournament.

The inclement weather last evening interfered with the progress of the H.K.C.C. tournaments.

In the Championship Doubles, Ng Sze-kwong and Choa Man-ping met Messrs. E. E. Brown and H. Krebs, the latter pair putting up quite a good display. The Chinese couple took the first two sets, at 6/4 and 6/3, and the score was 1/2 against them in the third set when the fog caused a postponement of the match, which will be replayed on Friday.

In the same competition, Major H. M. Edwards and R. Townsend met Messrs. S. and R. Munn. The match being postponed when they had reached two sets all. In the fourth set, the former pair once only needed a point to win the match, but the others pulled up and won the set at 10-8.

"CAPTAIN DREW" TO-NIGHT.

This is considered by many to be the best of the long list of comedies written by Hubert Henry Davies. Mr. N. Thorpe-Mayne, who has been giving us so many delightful studies in the various plays presented by Mr. Warwick, is particularly happy in the part of Captain Drew, while Miss Joan Mayne is considered to be at her very best in the difficult part of Mrs. Moxon. A particularly amusing character appears in this play—that of Miss Mills, a delightfully egotistic young person who is always under the impression that she is just about to be proposed to. Miss Dorothy Radford, who is seen all too seldom, makes a very amusing study of this part. "Captain Drew" is well worth seeing and was considered to be one of the most successful presentations of the Warwick Company on their last visit.



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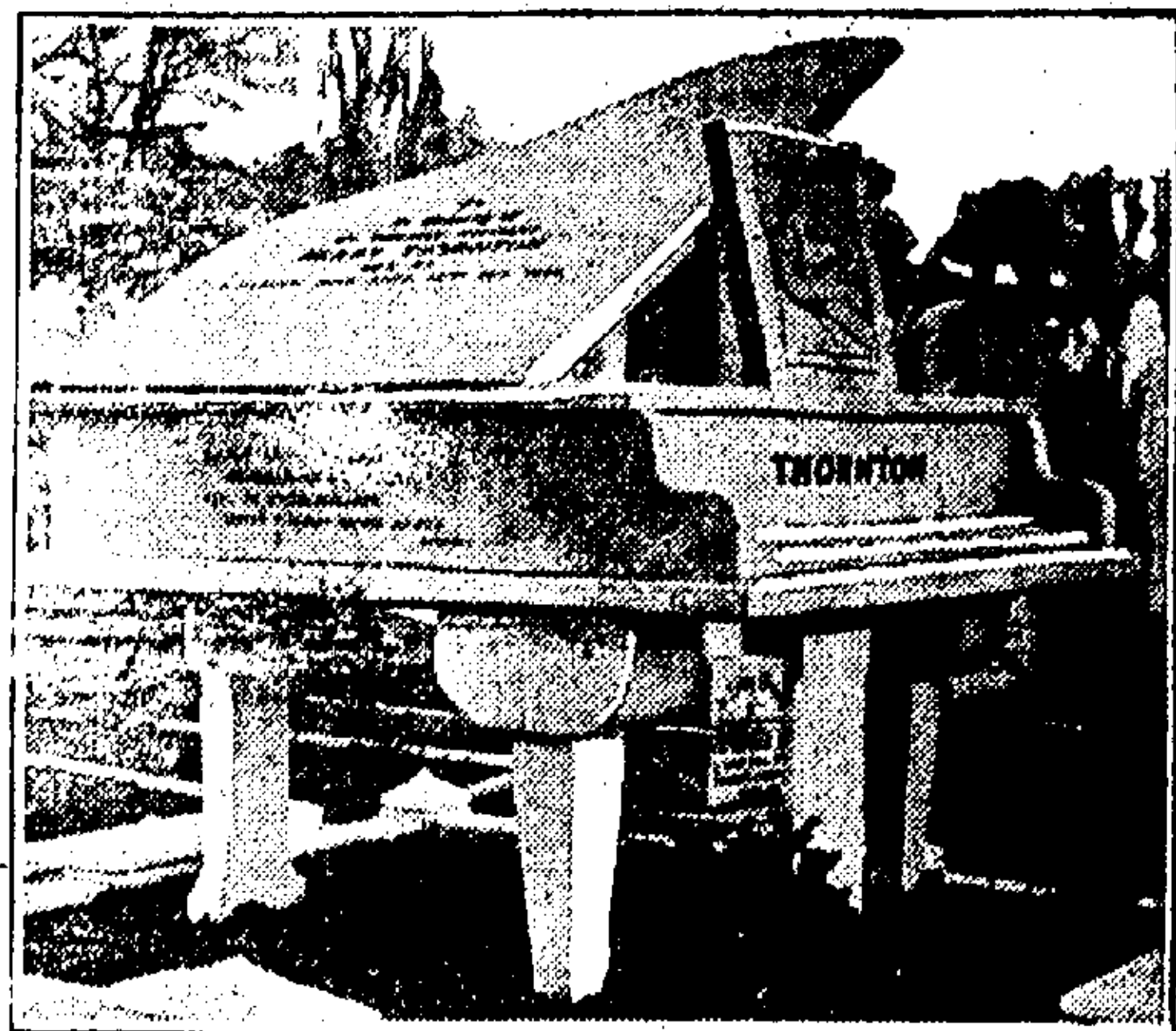
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UNUSUAL TOMBSTONE.

A marble grand piano marks the burial place of Harry Thornton in a cemetery at Highgate, London. Thornton, a noted pianist, died two years ago. The monument was erected by his widow.



U. S. POLO PLAYERS.

Above are members of the American polo team which is to visit England shortly.



SKIS FOR AIRPLANES.

Flying the Alps is made safer by this latest airplane. It is equipped with skis, instead of wheels, and can land or start on snow banks.



FIRST WOMAN OPERA MANAGER.

Above is Mary Garden, the opera star, who has become manager of the Chicago Grand Opera Company.



"EVERYBODY'S DOING IT."

Left to right: E. DeLorme, the first Indian to receive aviator's licence; John C. Irvine, Aero Club Judge, and Mon Sney, Chinese, who graduated from a flying school in Redwood City, California.



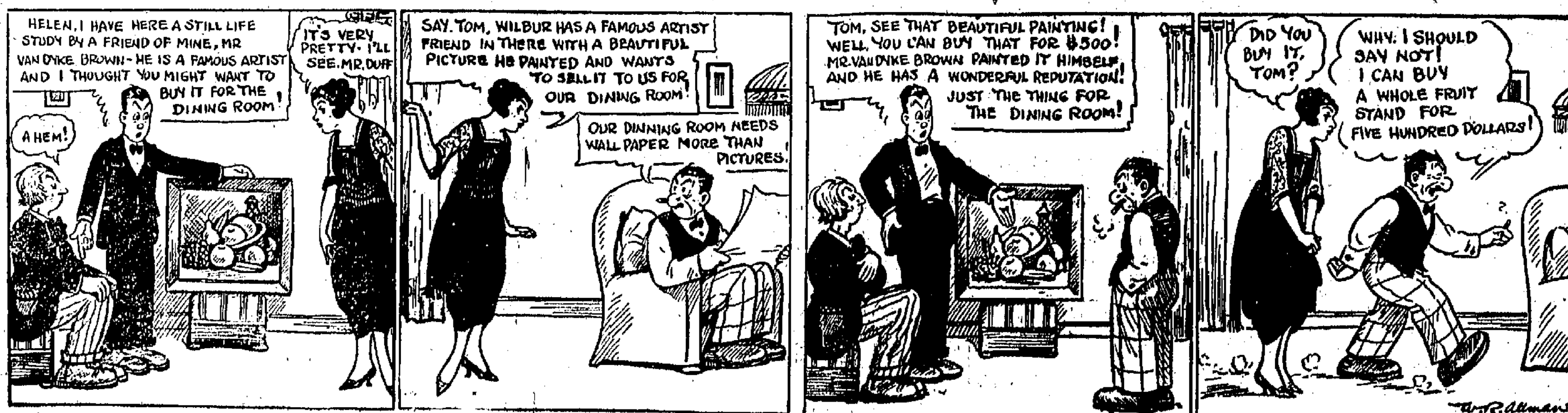
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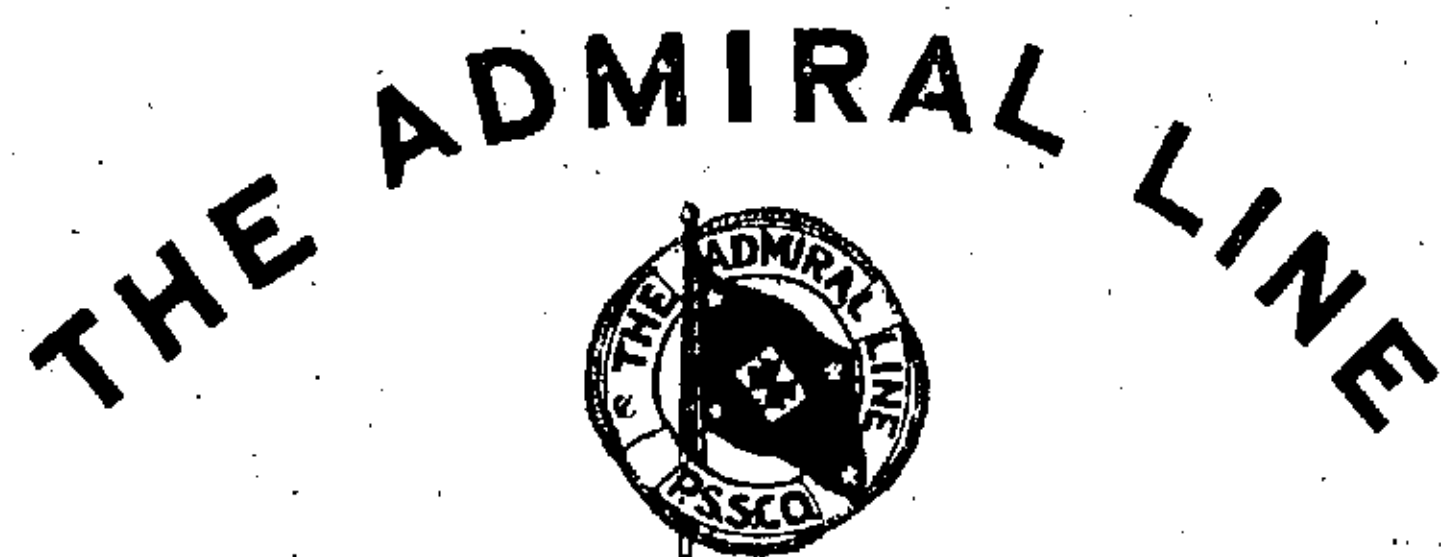
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TAMBA MARU ... Saturday, 12th March.

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TANGO MARU ... Monday, 28th Mar. at 11 a.m.

NIKKO MARU ... Tuesday, 19th Apr. at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK via Suez.

AKITA MARU ... Tuesday, 22nd March.

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BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.

BOMBAY MARU ... Thursday, 17th March.

CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

TOYOOKA MARU ... Sunday, 6th March.

JAPAN PORTS--Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

NIKKO MARU ... Tuesday, 15th Mar. at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

KITANO MARU ... Thursday, 3rd March, at 11 a.m.

WAKASA MARU ... Monday, 7th March.

HEIJIN MARU ... Tuesday, 15th March.

INABA MARU ... Friday, 18th March, at 11 a.m.

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"GLENGLYLE"	26th April.

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Vessel	Leaves Hongkong.	Discharges.
"GLENARIFFE"	11th Mar.	GENOA, LONDON & ROTTERDAM.
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MANILA	Loongsang	Fri., 4th Mar. at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Kumsang	Sat., 5th Mar. at 3 p.m.
BANGKOK via Swatow	Chunsang	Sun., 6th Mar. at d'light.
TIENSIN	Chipshing	Sun., 6th Mar. at d'light.
KOBE	Laisang	Tues., 8th Mar. at d'light.
SHANGHAI & Tsingtau	Hopsang	Tues., 8th Mar. at d'light.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Teopao	Wed., 9th Mar. at 9 a.m.

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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Yingchow	6th Mar. at 10 a.m.
AMOY, SHAI & PUKOW	Shantung	8th Mar. at noon.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Taming	8th Mar. at 3 p.m.

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The Admiral Line s.s. PAW-LET, is due to arrive here from Portland, Ore, via ports on or about March 7th.

The T. K. K. s.s. ANYO M., arrived at Yokohama on the 13th instant, and sails on the 17th instant, being due at this port March 5th.

The N. Y. K. s.s. WAKASA M. (Liverpool Line) left Liverpool for this port via Suez on the 22nd January and is expected here on the 3rd March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. HEIJIN M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon and Singapore, on the 22nd February and is expected here on the 14th March.

The Blue Funnel Line, s.s. ACHILLES, will leave Liverpool for this port via Rangoon and Singapore, on the 27th inst. and s.s. TITAN, on the 5th March for this port.

The N. Y. K. s.s. NIKKO M. (Australian Line) left Sydney for Hongkong via ports, on the 23rd Feb. and is expected here on the 15th March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAMO M. (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 19th Feb. and is expected here on the 30th March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TOYOOKA M. (Calcutta Line) left Kobe for this port via Nagasaki, on the 24th Feb. and is expected here on the 3rd March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TOYAMA M. (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Nagasaki & Shanghai, on the 23rd Feb. and is expected here on the 3rd March.

The s.s. IDOMENEUS, (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 11th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 11th March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. INABA MARU (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 5th February and is expected here on the 17th March.

The s.s. ATREUS (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 17th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 11th March.

The s.s. TELAMON, (Blue Funnel Line) left Singapore on 24th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 3rd March.

The s.s. CHAKRATA left Singapore for this Port on the 26th instant at 4 p.m. and is due here on the 5th March at about 6 a.m.

The s.s. AJAX, (Blue Funnel Line) New York left Singapore on 27th instant for Hongkong via Manila and is due here on 9th March.

The s.s. METHVEN left Saigon for Hongkong on Feb. 26, and is due here on or about the 3rd March.

The s.s. EGREMONT CASTLE from New York left Yokohama on the 25th February for Hongkong via ports and is due here on the 17th March. (Dodwell & Co. Ltd. Agents)

The s.s. ELPENOR (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 24th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 20th Prox.

The T. K. K. s.s. SIBERIA M. arrived at Yokohama on the 25th instant, in accordance with schedule, being due at this port March 11th.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN, left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, Shanghai on the 23rd Feb. and is due at Yokohama on or about the 9th March.

The P. & O. s.s. KASHGAR, left Shanghai for this Port on the 1st instant at 1.30 p.m. and is due here on the 4th instant at about 6 a.m.

The N. Y. K. s.s. WAKASA M. (Liverpool Line) left Singapore for this port on the 28th Feb. and is expected here on the 6th Mar.

The N. Y. K. s.s. FUSHIMI M. (American Line) left Manila for this port on the 1st March, and is expected here on the 3rd March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KLEIST, (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai, on the 1st March, and is expected here on the 9th March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAMAKURA M. (Liverpool Line) left Liverpool for this port via Suez, on the 26th February, and is expected here on the 10th April.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF ASIA, arrived at Manila on 2nd March, leaves there 2nd March, and is due at Hongkong on 4th March at daylight.

ENTERTAINMENTS

